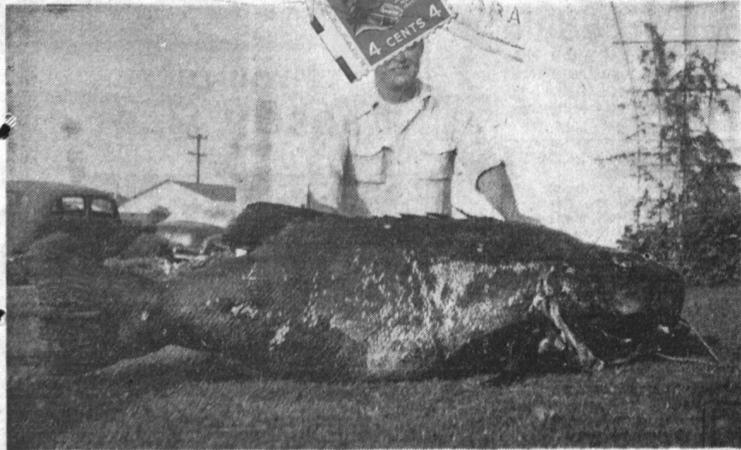


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### Paul Smith 301-Pound Catch



LARGEST YET—Paul Smith kneels over 301-pound giant black sea bass he caught last Sunday off the Coronado Islands near San Diego. Smith used a 54-pound-test line, and fought the huge fish for 45 minutes before landing him. This is Smith's record catch to date.

## Local Isaac Walton Lands Hugh Sea Bass

Paul L. Smith will some day be telling his grandchildren about the whooping 301-pound black sea bass he landed last Sunday, and he'll have pictures like the one above to prove it.

Smith, who is a partner in the Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop at 1421 Marcelina Ave., landed the huge fish in 45 minutes using 54-pound-test line and a trolling rod.

Smith, and his brother, Roy, and Mike Horii were the only three of nine passengers who made catches.

Roy pulled out a 26-pound halibut, and Horii landed a good size barracuda, according to Smith, who caught the fourth fish brought in a 34-pound, 13-ounce yellowtail. This fish qualifies him to enter the San Diego Yellowtail Derby. First prize in this event is a new automobile, he disclosed.

Aboard the Pt. Loma fishing boat out of San Diego were six other local fishing enthusiasts. They were Jack Stevens, Wilson Woodburn, Sam Neely, Benny Frazier, Bud Anderson, and Forrest Bartlett.

According to the World Almanac, the world's record giant black sea bass was caught off San Diego in 1950 by H. F. Bledsoe. It weighed 551 pounds and was 8 feet, 4 inches long.

## Policemen Commended For Courtesy

There are times when nature reverses itself—even the nature of a traffic violator!

There is no description for the surprise of Torrance Police Sgt. Ted Morris when Don W. Wise of Long Beach came into the station Saturday to post bail on a citation for speeding on 101 Highway, and stated that the arresting officers, Patrolmen James O'Toole and Don Cook, had treated him with utmost courtesy and had explained to him the danger of driving at a high rate of speed on the busy highway. He said they did more to make him appreciate the work of policemen in general, and expressed the wish to commend them for their fine work. Needless-to-say, Morris did just that.

## School Bicyclists Get Bike Stickers

In an effort to promote greater bicycle riding safety and reduce the number of accidents involving cars and bicycles, officials of United Steelworkers of America Locals 1414 and 2586 this week attached 898 Scotch-lite Safety Stickers to bicycles belonging to elementary school students.

Nick Drale and Pat Brunker of Local 1414 and Bob Wilson and Horese Cooke of Local 2586 toured ten local elementary schools, including Walteria, Seaside, Torrance Elementary, El Nido, North Torrance, Prairie, 186th Street, Fern, Greenwood, and Nativity Catholic schools, and affixed the fluorescent stickers to both the front and rear of the bicycles.

## Jaycees Slate New Board Meet Thursday

The first meeting of the new Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce with Marvin Goetsch as president will be held on July 3 in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce conference room.

At last Thursday's meeting the Board of Directors voted to send two boys to the YMCA summer camp. They allocated \$80 from the treasury to finance the project.

The boys were selected from among those nominated, two from each elementary school, who were high scholastically but whose family financial situations were such that they could not otherwise afford to attend the camp.

"Miss Jaycee" The Board, which will retire in

## Bad Checks Flood Area Police Say

Local merchants are warned to be on the look-out for phony checks in this area. According to Torrance Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett there has been a wave of forgeries in Torrance and surrounding communities.

Two men are suspected of passing a large number of checks drawn against the Phillips Furring Nail Co. of San Pedro.

One of the suspects, using the name of Charles A. Davis and described as between the age of 20 and 30, 5 feet, 11 inches, of medium weight and build, passed \$3,250.00 worth of bogus checks on June 6th in this locality.

Bennett described the second suspect as being between the ages of 22 and 27, six feet tall, of medium build, with light hair.

Both men, he revealed, are using phony driver's licenses as identification.

Bennett stated that merchants should demand positive identification and that the signature be affixed at the time of cashing.

## Construction Firm Moves to New Location

Kirk Construction Company, prominent home builders, have opened their new office at 1428 Pacific Coast Highway.

In addition to the building business, they also offer complete real estate services. Mrs. V. B. Kirks is a licensed broker.

## Coronation Ball Slated

## Queen Contest to Be Held July 17

Appearance, poise and personality will be in the limelight on the stage of the Civic Auditorium on Thursday, July 17th, when candidates for the coveted title of Miss Torrance of 1952 strut their stuff before a panel of out-of-town judges, and what is expected to be a record audience.

## Injured Worker Improving Here

Reported improving yesterday following surgery at Torrance Memorial Hospital Tuesday night was 44-year-old Denzil Warner, 1560 W. 203rd St., who was injured while at work at the Mayfair Creamery here Tuesday morning.

Warner was injured when parts of a cream separator struck him about the face and head as he started to dismantle it.

He was rushed to the hospital by F & M ambulance, where his condition was reported as serious.

## Red Cross to Curtail Local Services

The services of the Red Cross and the Red Cross sponsored blood collection program are to receive a drastic cut this year, because of the poor results of the national fund drive, according to William Felker, new chairman of the Torrance Red Cross Chapter.

"Although Torrance went over the top of this year's quota, other communities did not make the same excellent showing," Felker stated.

Mrs. Clayton L. Geiger, newly appointed staff chairman of the local chapter, announced today that in response to many requests, the Red Cross is sponsoring a new series of first aid classes.

Beginning Monday, July 7th, the classes will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday in the Red Cross Headquarters at 1754 Cross Head, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ferguson are tentatively slated to teach the 22-hour course.

## Intense Fire Razes Garage

A blaze of high intensity razed the 20 by 20 garage of Kenneth Knowles, 2570 Torrance Blvd., early Sunday morning.

Consumed in the blaze which scorched adjacent buildings and blistered the paint on a fire engine, was Knowles' 1946 Chevrolet a table saw, and a washing machine. The building was completely demolished. Damage was estimated at \$2,000.

The crews of engines 1 and 2 from the central fire station battled the fire for over an hour before extinguishing it, according to Capt. Gordon Northington, who commanded the companies.

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# Budget Figures Revealed: Workers Given Pay Hike

## Dance Features 'Fire House Crew'



FIREMEN'S DANCE—Captain Gordon Northington (standing in white hat) will lead his "Fire House Crew" in providing music for the firemen's dance to be held Saturday night, June 28, at the American Legion Hall, at 8:30 p.m. Music makers pictured above are (kneeling in foreground) Bill Russell and Joe Warren, (standing, left to right) Don Davis, Frank Tuttle, and Northington.

## 1,000 Pupils Enroll In Summer Classes

More than 1,000 elementary school students have enrolled in the six-week course of summer instruction being carried out at seven elementary schools in Torrance.

The summer program is designed to give students who need it an opportunity for extra group work, and more individual instruction in courses, according to Walter Rehboldt, director of instruction for the school district.

## School Music Director to Take Leave

Abe Milestein, for five years head of the music department at Torrance High School, will spend the ensuing year at Stanford University working for his doctorate in musical education, it was disclosed this week.

Milestein was granted a year's leave of absence by the Torrance Board of Education to continue his studies at the Palo Alto school. He received his master's degree in musical education at the University of Southern California last summer.

During his absence, Patton McNaughton, former director of the bands at the University of California at Los Angeles, will take over here in the instrumental department and as the director of the Adult Concert Orchestra. McNaughton was director of bands at UCLA for five years and has been away from school bands for a year. He was the guest conductor here in February when the Torrance and Arcadia bands appeared in a joint concert.



FORREST G. MURDOCK, El Camino College President, returned recently from a San Francisco meeting of junior college administrators as president of the California State Junior College Association. The State Junior College Association includes some sixty two-year colleges in the state which have organized in an attempt to develop and promote desirable administrative policies and practices for junior colleges. Murdock has been serving as vice president during the past school year.

## REVENUE CLIMB EXPECTED HERE

The first hearing on the 1952-53 fiscal year preliminary budget was conducted Tuesday night by the Torrance City Council.

Total operating budgets for all departments, including unappropriated reserve fund, equals \$1,013,973. Capital Outlay Fund this year is estimated at \$40,000.

## Seven-Month Infant Dies Mysteriously

Despite frantic efforts by her mother and a fire department rescue squad, seven-month-old Hester McLaws, who collapsed in her home Saturday, died in a Torrance clinic.

The mother, Mrs. Martha McLaws of 23551 Idabel Ave., said she found the infant, Hester, face downward and gasping for breath on the floor. Mrs. McLaws, a registered nurse, administered artificial respiration and then drove the child to a doctor's office here when she seemed to show improvement.

Doctors pronounced the child dead, however, after efforts to revive her. They said her windpipe seemed clogged, but they were unable to find any foreign object in her throat.

Police said an autopsy will be performed. The body was removed to the Stone & Myers Mortuary in Torrance.

## Council OKs Zone Change

Approved by the Council was the planners recommendation for zone variance and conditional permit to convert a vacant building at 24463 Hawthorne Blvd. for use as a specialized engineering, manufacturing and research projects center.

The planners approved the request of the Mercury International Research Co. for a variance and conditional permit to occupy the building with the understanding that they beautify the building and landscape the grounds, that all operations be confined to the building and confined to light manufacturing, and that the operation be carried on in such a manner that it does not create a nuisance to the surrounding residents.

A spokesman for Mercury International said the company planned to have 15 engineers and 10 technicians in the plant.

The "ifs" are if proposals of the National Manufacturers, the California Taxpayers Association and other groups for economy on part of the Federal Government, are achieved.

By contrast, if the proposed Presidential budget is adopted without trimming, the local average breadwinner's taxes and/or share of the national debt will jump by the \$116. Already Torrance breadwinners pay \$1,509,600 out of their standards of living, just to support Federal jobholders, have \$44,400,000 as their share of the growing Federal debt, and \$7,204,000 would be levied against them by the latest proposed Federal Budget, according to a National Association of Manufacturers' bulletin.

## Boy Swallows Weird Brew, Goes to Hospital

Five-year-old Stanton Adams is going to be more careful next time he picks up a bottle of liquid and drinks it.

Monday morning the child took a healthy swig from a bottle that contained a mixture of turpentine, oil of eucalyptus, and camphorated oil.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Adams of 4405 Emerald Ave., called the police, and Torrance Patrolman Don Nash rushed the child to Harbor General Hospital where he was treated and pronounced out of danger.

## County Report Sought

An investigation of why taxes levied against the General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance refinery have consistently fallen off for the past several years, despite major improvements to the properties, was Tuesday night demanded by Councilman Nick Drale, seconded by Councilman Willys Blount, and passed unanimously by the Council.

Drale pointed out that despite over \$2 million worth of improvements and major construction in the last two years, the assessed valuation of the holdings has dropped approximately \$1,100,000.

According to city records, General Petroleum building permits totaled \$847,750 during 1951, and \$1,147,000 thus far in 1952. City Manager George Stevens revealed, however, that the County Assessor's evaluation of the property fell \$1,000,000 in 1951, and over \$100,000 this year. Torrance, therefore, according to Stevens, lost over \$11,000 in taxes last year. This year's tax figure has not as yet been set, so it is unknown how much loss will be realized.

The Council Tuesday night set the wheels of the investigation in motion, and the first step will be to seek a report from the County Assessor's office.

City to Annex Resolution to annex a parcel of Los Angeles City territory lying west of Western Ave. and south of 228th St. in the Kettler Knolls area was acted upon by the Council. A public hearing on the annexation (Continued on Page 4)

## Driver Hurt When Truck Overturns

Minor injuries were sustained by William Skoczylas of Long Beach, when the Adohr Milk truck which he was driving was overturned in a collision with an automobile driven by Hector R. Herrera, 17, of Torrance, at the corner of 101 Highway and Hawthorne Blvd., Monday morning.

Skoczylas was taken to Harbor General Hospital by Figueredo Ambulance for treatment of his wounds.

Herrera was cited for allegedly running a red light at the intersection. He will appear before City Judge Otto Willett on Saturday, according to police records.

## 'A Miracle'

"I live way up in Palos Verdes. Yet," said Mrs. H. McHatton of 3221 Via La Selva, "the washing machine I advertised for sale in the Torrance Press Classified Section was sold within two hours after the paper was distributed. A miracle, I call it."

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Below is the small, inexpensive ad that sold Mrs. McHatton's used washer.

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## New Signs for Arterials



SOMETHING NEW—Large, bright-colored metal signs will leave no doubt about the city limits of Torrance. Also prominently noted on the signs, acquired through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is the latest official population figures. Seen above preparing to replace old marker are (left to right), Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber, City Manager George Stevens, Mayor Mervin Schwab and Chamber President Robert L. Flomert Jr.